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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: )

Focke, H., et al. )

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For: Process and Apparatus for )  
Producing Hinge-Lid Boxes )  
For Cigarettes )

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Eugene Kim

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Sir:

The Office Action from Patent Examiner Eugene Kim mailed on October 3, 2003, has been received and reviewed. Applicant provides the following remarks in response.

**REMARKS**

By the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2003, the Examiner states Claims 10-14, 29-31, 36-39 and 45-51 are pending in the application. The Examiner has stated the claims comprise three (3) separate groups of inventions and has required an election for prosecution.

Group I contains Claims 10-14 and 29-31, drawn to a process for producing a dimensionally stable pack, classified in class 493, subclass 151; Group II contains Claims 36-39, drawn to a process for folding and sealing an outer wrapper, classified in class